

# VESPERS

*The Alleluia shall be omitted in Lent.*

**STAND**

**M** O Lord, open my lips.

**C** And my mouth shall declare your praise.

**M** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.

**M** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**C** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Alleluia.)

**PSALM**

*One or more psalms may be sung or said. At the end of each psalm the congregation shall sing or say the Gloria Patri.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

**LESSON**

*One or more scripture lessons shall then be read. After each lesson shall be sung or said the response.*

**M** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*After the Lesson a RESPONSORY or a HYMN may be sung.*

*A SERMON may then follow.*

*An OFFERING may then be received and placed on the altar.*

**HYMN**

**STAND**

**CANTICLE**

*A Versicle shall be used with the Canticle.*

**M** Let my prayer rise before you as incense,  
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! *Psalm 141:2*

**MAGNIFICAT**

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**OR**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**

**M** Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**A** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.

*or*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is  
in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, for  
ever and ever. Amen.

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**M** Let us pray.

*Then shall be said the PRAYER OF THE DAY. The prayer ends:*

...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Other Prayers may then be said, and after them this PRAYER FOR PEACE.*

**M** May the Lord give strength to his people!

**C** May the Lord bless his people with peace! (*Psalm 29:11*)

**M** O God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

**M** Let us praise the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**M** The grace of the Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

**C** Amen.



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